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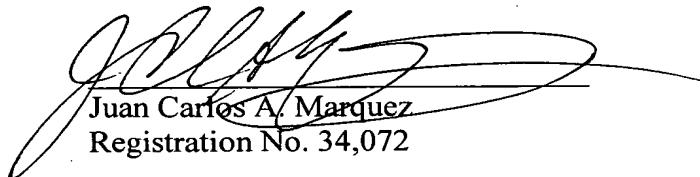
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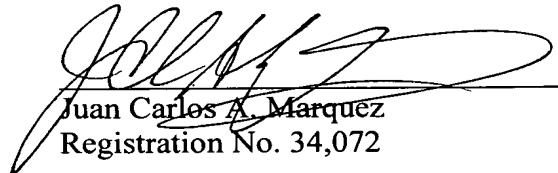
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed on December 23, 2008, the period of response to which is set to expire on January 23, 2009. Applicants hereby elect the continued prosecution of the invention identified as Group I, and correspondingly recited in claims 1-18 without traverse.